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Executive Secretary  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 11, 1981

Mr. William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Yesterday, spokesmen for the Central Intelligence Agency appeared in two separate briefing sessions before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The first briefing focused on allegations of a Libyan assassination plot and the second covered the military situation in Central America and the Caribbean.

The Libya briefing met the high standards which the Agency has long maintained in its efforts to inform objectively the members of the Foreign Relations Committee. This briefing served to underscore the importance to us of the Agency's professional, impartial and balanced approach to highly controversial and sensitive issues.

These vigorous standards insure the separation of intelligence assessment from foreign policy advocacy -- a separation which we regard as crucial to the Agency's charter and the fulfillment of our constitutional responsibilities in the foreign policy field. We fully support and respect the Agency's time-honored commitment to its vital intelligence function.

Because of our strongly held views in this regard, we draw your attention to the presentation on the Caribbean and Central American situation [redacted]

[redacted] In our judgement, [redacted] presentation seriously violated the Agency's long-cherished principles and standards and stood in marked contrast to the professionalism and objectivity which characterized the earlier briefing on Libya by Admiral Bobby Inman.

We urge you to consult the transcripts of these briefings. We believe that a thorough review of [redacted] remarks will lead to the conclusion that his presentation evidenced a rhetorical tone and a selective use of information which bordered on policy prescription rather than a straightforward analysis of available intelligence data. We firmly believe that [redacted] performance undermines his credibility [redacted] and calls into question his future effectiveness.

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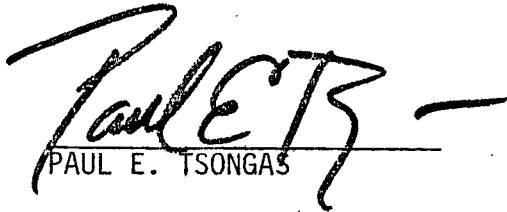
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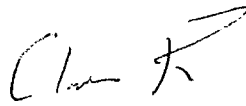
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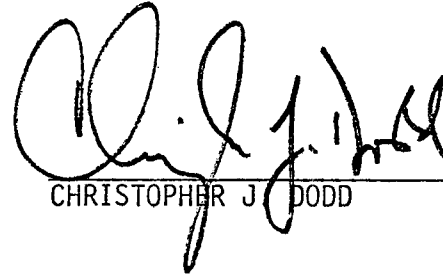
We therefore request that you review this matter as soon as possible.  
We wish to be informed as to the action the Agency intends to take in  
regard

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Sincerely,

  
PAUL E. TSONGAS

  
CLAIBORNE PELL

  
CHRISTOPHER J. DODD

cc: Admiral Bobby Inman  
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